

Harrington Park Environmental Commission
August 2, 2017 7:30 pm Meeting Minutes

At 7:35 pm Peter Ardito opened the meeting with the following announcement: In compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, adequate notice of this meeting was made. It was included in the 2017 annual notice posted in the Borough Hall. Copies have been mailed to THE RECORD, NORTHERN VALLEY PRESS, and the NORTH JERSEY SUBURBANITE. A copy has been filed with the Borough Clerk, and copies have been mailed to individuals requesting the same.

Roll Call:	Peter Ardito-present	Genevieve Tarino-present
	Mary Ann Schran-absent	Laura Fitzgerald-present
	Anne Lander-absent	Theresa Hazelton-via Facetime
	Meredith Budinich-present	

Minutes of July 5, 2017: Meredith moved to accept, second Theresa. All in favor. Carried.

Green Team Portion of Meeting: No report, as Mary Ann was not present; all are welcome to look into grants.

Treasury Report (as of 8/1/17):

T- Mobile Tree escrow - 6772.23
Green Team/Env. Commission - 1617.19
Environmental Commission – 100.00

School Update: Theresa has reached out; she has not heard back but knows that the garden club is active over the summer.

Pollinator Garden: Peter learned from CFO that “cleanup” funds can only be used for activities related to cleaning the town. Perhaps banks could be solicited to give toward \$1,000, which could then be matched. Genevieve has spoken to her boss and will speak to Ann B. We cannot use the spot that was intended for beehives because there is no approval in place. A visitor asked if we will use native plants; we will, but if others are available via donation, the EC would vote.

Town Day: Meredith the Theresa will meet; Peter told Carolyn (newsletter) about the Tenaflly Nature Center program. It will cost \$300 for 3 hours.

Fall Clean ups: A cleanup will be held on 11/4 9:00-1:00.

Trash/Recycling locations: Maybe we can get 6 or 7 (dual trash/recycling cost \$500) as well as dog waste containers and bags. Laura will get information. If something has to be done before the next meeting, the EC agreed on 5-6 recyc/trash containers, 4 dog waste containers, and bags. Chuck Blackinton (visitor) asked where things are stored.

Old Business

Planning Board: Allegro is back in the agenda. A settlement was reached. The resolution will be up for a vote on Tuesday. EC will receive \$20,000 for trees. The main issue seems to have been COAH related.

There is also resolution on the school/tree issue. The school should come to the EC sooner and to the PB 45+ days before work begins. The black oak should have been trimmed (not cut). The contractor dug up its roots, which led to its demise. The memorial tree should not have been cut. The school board, EC, and homeowner will work on restitution. Peter will get a statement from O&R. O&R did cut the trees, but at the request of the school.

A resident (guest) asked about the tree work; Peter gave the history. Peter is still trying to receive funds from O&R. We will also get funds from Allegro. Probably spring is when trees will be planted, and EC will have a strong voice in the choice of species.

Adjournment—Next scheduled meeting September 6, 2017: Theresa moved to adjourn, second Meredith. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.